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I would like to object to the terms of the Proposed Final Judgment. The largest barrier to entry for competing Desktop Operating Systems is file format compatibility. As a technical support analyst for several law firms I watched each of them painfully transition from WordPerfect to Microsoft Word simply because they needed the ability to easily exchange documents with clients, most of whom used Microsoft Office. I have also seen many small business forced to go through expensive upgrades to the "latest and greatest" version of Microsoft Office because their clients have done the same, and the new version has a different file format, making it difficult for the business to exchange documents with the client.

Please consider forcing Microsoft to open the file formats for Office, so that businesses and individuals are not forced to purchase expensive upgrades, containing features they may never use, just because "everybody is doing it".

thank you

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